

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	TOX PRESSOTECHNIK GMBH & CO. KG)	Art Unit: 3726
Serial Number:	10/510322)	Examiner:
Filed:	04/04/2003)	TAOUSAKIS
Priority Date:	04/04/2002)	
For:	CLINCHING METHOD AND TOOL THEREFOR)	
Docket Number:	13976)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

15 July 2009

Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Official Action dated 15 January 2009 having a period for reply that expired on 15 February 2009. Accompanying this response is a petition for a 5-month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 15 July 2009.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Claims 1-4, drawn to a procedure for pressed joint connections.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been overcome, and now requests further consideration on the merits.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for reply to the Official Action for 5-months from 15 February 2009 to 15 July 2009. Submitted herewith is a check for \$1175.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 04-2219, referencing our docket number 13976.

Respectfully submitted,

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